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Re: Request for Continued Examination, etc.
Appl. No.: 10/091,342
Filed: March 6, 2002
Title: **Process for the Preparation of L-Amino
Acids with Amplification of the zwf Gene**
Inventor(s): Burke, *et al.*
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Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Request for Continued Examination;
2. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 with:
Exhibit A - a copy of the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) being
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Exhibit B - a copy of U.S. application 09/531,267;
3. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;

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4. Form PTO-1449, List of References Cited by Applicant;
5. References B1-B2 and C1-C16; and
6. Return postcard.

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